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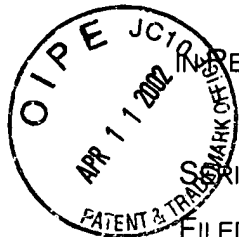
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Docket No. 58255-8028.US00

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Ronald E. Pelrine *et al.*

SERIAL No.: 09/810,919

FILED: March 16, 2001

FOR: MICROLABORATORY DEVICES
AND METHODS

EXAMINER: Unknown

ART UNIT: 1741

CONFIRMATION No. 7145

Response to Notice of Omitted Item(s) In A Nonprovisional Application

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. In response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) In A Nonprovisional Application mailed on March 19, 2002 (copy enclosed), applicant submits the following:
 - ☒ A Communication
 - ☒ A Preliminary Amendment
2. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time
Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time if necessary for timely filing of this Response.
3. Fee Payment
 - ☒ Please charge any underpayment for timely filing of this Response to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

Respectfully submitted,

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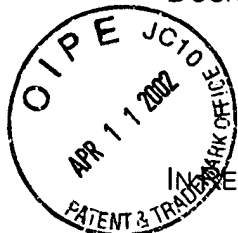
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FOR: **MICROLABORATORY DEVICES
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COMMUNICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. This communication is submitted in response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application mailed March 19, 2002.

2. The Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application indicates that Figures 25 and 32E appear to have been omitted from the application as filed.

3. The apparent omission of Figures 25 and 32E is due to a discrepancy between the specification and the numbering of the Figures. The apparently missing Figure 25 was in fact submitted with the application as Figure 26. The apparently missing Figure 32E is due to a typographical error in the Brief Description of the Figures. A Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith to correct the discrepancy between the specification and the Figures.

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If there are any questions concerning the above points, please call the undersigned at (650) 838-4410.

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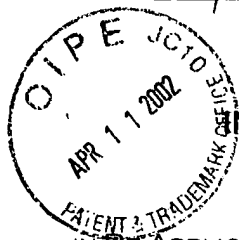
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

In the specification:

On page 18, please replace the paragraph starting on line 3 with the following:

A1 Figs. 19A-C depict two adjacent tracks with a microparticle switching tracks.

On page 18, please replace the paragraph starting on line 20 with the following:

Fig. 26 depicts a top down view of a multi-chamber microlaboratory station used for reacting and incubating microparticles with a reagent that has multiple side ports interconnecting each chamber and utilizes side port access channels.